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In Re PATENT APPLICATION of:

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For: ELECTRIC POWER STEERING  
APPARATUS

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) **RESPONSE TO**  
) **ELECTION OF SPECIES**  
) **REQUIREMENT**  
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September 25, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Election of Species Requirement mailed on August 25, 2006, Applicant elects the invention of the Species I, which is shown in Figure 2, and the Sub-Species I, shown in Figure 1, for further examination. Claims 1-9, 12 and 13 read on the elected embodiments. The election is made without traverse.

Examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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